

REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on October 1, 2009 in which claims 17, 18, 21, 24, 28-30, 34, 35, 41 and 42 were objected to and in which claims 1-16, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25-27, 31-33 and 36-40 were rejected.

With this response, the claims are amended such a place application in condition for allowance. Independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of former objected to claim 42, which is canceled. Claims 2-21 and 40 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for the same reasons.

Independent claim 22 is amended to incorporate the limitations of former objected to claim 24 which is canceled.

Independent claim 25 is amended to incorporate the limitations of former objected to claim 28 which is cancelled. Claims 29 and 30 are amended to now depend from claim 25. Claims 26-31 depend from claim 25 and are now in condition for allowance for the same reasons.

Independent claim 32 is amended to incorporate the limitations of former objected to claim 34. Claim 35 is canceled. Claims 33 and 36-39 depend from claim 32 and are in condition for allowance for the same reasons.

Objected to Claim 41 is an independent claim and has many of the same limitations found in former objected to claim 17. Accordingly, independent claim 41 is believed to be in commission for allowance.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-22, 25-27, 29-33, 36 and 38-41 are now pending in this application.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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